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## AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office Action of September 25, 2003, and to put the pending claims in condition for allowance in view of instruction with the Examiner at the interview on November 20, 2003.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.